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FOR THE SECRETARY PROM HABIB

IF RE-ESTABLISHED, MUST INCLUDE A PROMIBITION AGAINST ATTACKS AGAINST JEWS ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. I WENT OVER WITH SEGIN THE REASONS WHY I HAD SAID LAST JULY THAT THIS WAS NOT A REASONABLE ARRANGEMENT. I TOLO HIM THAT WE CANNOT AFFORD TO MAKE OURSELVES HOSTAGE TO THE ACTIONS OF EXTREMISTS SUCH AS THOSE WE BELIEVE WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK ON AMBASSADOR ARGOV. I URGED THAT BEGIN THINK HORE ABOUT THIS PROPOSITION AND NOT RPT NOT MAKE IT A CONCITION AT THIS TIME. AMBASSADOR LEWIS ADDED THAT HE MUST BE PRACTICAL; WE CAN'T HOPE TO SOLVE EVERY ASPECT OF ISRAEL'S SECURITY PROBLEM WITH A SINGLE AGREEMENT OR ARRANGEMENT.

8. BEGIN SAID THAT THE PLO HAD STEADFASTLY MAINTAINED THAT THE ARRANGEMENT NEGOTIATED BY HABIB HAD APPLIED ONLY TO THE LEBANESE-ISRAELI BORDER. I REPLIED THAT, WHATEVER THEIR PUBLIC POSITION, THEY HAD NOT GUIDBLED WITH MY PORMULATION THAT IT ALBO APPLIED TO ATTACKS MOUNTED THROUGH THIRD COUNTRIES. I AGREED THAT, IF WE DO SECRET

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ACHIEVE A FURTHER CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT, WE WILL PERMAPS MAVE TO BE HORE PRECISE THAN WE WERE LAST JULY. I REMINDED BEGIN THAT, AT THAT TIME, IT WAS ISRAELI OBJECTION TO THE CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PLU THAT SHAPED TO SOME DEGREE THE VAGUENESS OF WHAT WAS ACRIEVED. MAYBE, I CONCLUGED, HE HAVE ALL LEARNED SOMETHING FROM THAT EXPERIENCE AND HILL HAVE TO BE MORE PRECISE IN THE AGREEMENT AND PROCEDURES SHOULD ANOTHER ARRANGEMENT BE NEGOTIATED. IN THE END, BEGIN AGREED NOT TO MAKE HIS REQUIREMENT REGARDING ATTACKS AGAINST JENS ANYWHERE A FORMAL POSITION AT THIS TIME. HE DID NOT COMMENT ON MY STATEMENT THAT ONE IMPORTANT QUESTION TO CONTEMPLATE IS WHAT KIND OF RESPONSE IS APPROPRIATE IN CASES OF TERRORISM CARRIED OUT BY THE LUNATIC FRINGE.

9. COMMENTING ON THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH IN LONDON TODAY, BEGIN SAID THAT HE AGREED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S POINTS REGARDING ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL PROM LEBANON AND THE NEED TO STAMP OUT TERRORISM.

18. I ABRED BEGIN HOW WE HOULD DETERMINE THE AREA IN SOUTHERN LEBANGE IN WHICH AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE MIGHT OPERATE? HE REPLIED THAT THE ISRAELIS WOULD BE BLAD TO DRAW A LINE 48 KILOMETERS FROM THE BDRDER. WHEN I POINTED OUT THAT ISRAELI FORCES ARE NOW BEYOND THAT LINE, SHAMIR AND BEGIN SAID THESE ARE "TACTICAL" POSITIONS. BEGIN STATED STRONGLY THAT IT IS NOT AN ISRAELI OBJECTIVE TO PRESS MILITARY OPERATIONS WITH THE SOAL OF DOING AWAY WITH THE PLO ENTIRELY. IDF ELEMENTS ARE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF DAMOUR, HE SAID, BUT ISRAEL DOES NOT RPT NOT INTEND TO TAKE DAMOUR EVEN THOUGH IT WAS ORIGINALLY A CHRISTIAN TOWN. IN RESPONSE TO A GUESTION, BEGIN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IDF WOULD PULL BACK TO SECRET



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48-KILOMETER LINE ASSIS FOR A CEASE-PIRE IN PLACE. ASKED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO HADDADIS ENCLAVE UNDER NEW SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, BEGIN SAID THIS IS FOR THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE.

11. BEFORE DEPARTING, I TOLD BEGIN THAT BEFORE THE CURRENT FIGHTING IT HAD BEEN MY INTENTION TO COME TO THE AREA TO DISCUSS LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO LEBANON'S PROBLEMS. IF WE ARE ABLE TO BRING THE CURRENT SITUATION UNDER CONTROL, THOSE LONG-RANGE PROBLEMS HILL STILL BE THERE AND WE WILL WANT TO DISCUSS THEM WITH ISRAEL AND OTHER INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS. BEGIN NODDED.

12. WE AGREED THAT SHOULD A RESPONSE FROM THE SYMIAMS BE RECEIVED OVERNIGHT, WE HOULD CONTACT FORMIN SHAMIR WHO WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO WAKE BEGIN. GROVE

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